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PATENT APPLICATION

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SHIGEO MIYABE, ET AL. ) Examiner: Susan S.Y. Lee  
Appn. No.: 10/023,875 ) Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: December 21, 2001 ) RCE: July 22, 2003  
For: DEVELOPING BLADE, PROCESS, ) Confirmation No. 4637  
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APPARATUS :  
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Transmitted herewith is a RCE, a Preliminary Amendment, a Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings, and a Submission of Corrected Formal Drawings in the above-identified application.

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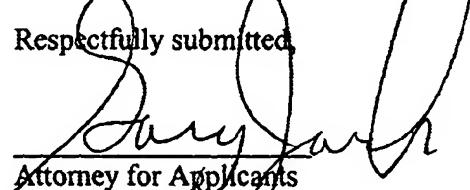
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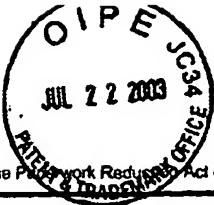
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/023,875
Filing Date	December 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	SHIGEO MIYABE, ET AL.
Group Art Unit	2852
Examiner Name	Susan S. Y. Lee
Attorney Docket Number	03500.016050

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings and Corrected Formal Drawings

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Gary M. Jacobs	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,861
Signature	<i>Gary M. Jacobs</i>		
	Date	July 22, 2003	

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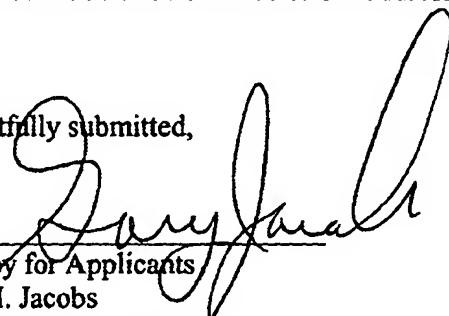
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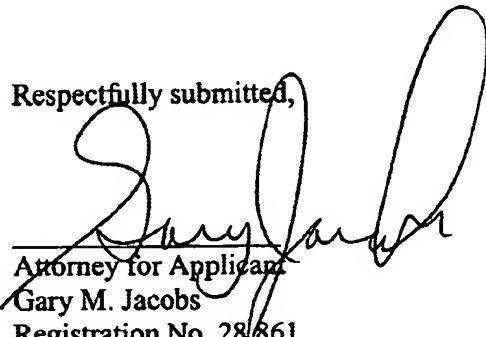
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Attached are eight sheets of formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in the above-identified application to correct the drawings as approved by the Examiner.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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